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SUBJ: CU/ CP: DUKE ELLINGTON AND ORCHESTRA

1. DEPT LAST WEEK CONCLUDED CONTRACT TO PICK UP DUKE ELLINGTON AND ORCHESTRA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FALL EUROPEAN TOUR FOR BRIEF VISIT TO EAST AFRICA JUST PRIOR RETURN TO U. S.

2. ASSUMING EMB CONCURS, PLANNING INCLUDE ETHIOPIA AND KENYA. ETA ADDIS ABABA FROM PARIS 0600 NOV 20 WITH ONE CONCERT THAT EVENING; NOV 21-- TWO CONCERTS; NOV 22-- TWO CONCERTS; NOV 23 MID- DAY TRAVEL NAIROBI WITH CONCERT SAME EVENING; NOV 24-- TWO CONCERTS; NOV 25-- ONE CONCERT; ETD NOV 26 FOR NEW YORK. NO EXTENSION OF TOUR POSSIBLE.

3. DEPT PAYING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PERFORMANCE FEES. POST OR SPONSOR WOULD PAY ROOM AND BOARD (20-21 PEOPLE) PLUS ALL STAGING, WITHIN COUNTRY TRAVEL AND RELATED LOCAL COSTS. ELLINGTON WILL NEED ONE SUITE FOR SELF; OTHERS WILL WANT SINGLES. IN EVENT ADMISSION UNCLASSIFIED

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CHARGED, ANY NET CONCERT PROCEEDS LEFT (AFTER APPROVED STAGING COSTS, WITHIN COUNTRY TRAVEL, ROOM AND BOARD ARE DEDUCTED) WOULD BE SPLIT 50/50 BETWEEN USG AND LOCAL COSPONSOR. IF EMB SOLE SPONSOR, 100 PERCENT OF NET RPT NET PROCEEDS MUST BE RETURNED U. S. TREASURY. ABOVE CUSTOMARY WHERE CU/ CP FUNDING PERFORMANCE FEES. IF LOCAL COSPONSOR UTILIZED, ADVISE NAME.

4. CONCERTS MAY BE INSIDE OR OUTDOORS. WHERE TWO ARE LISTED IN SAME DAY, THEY MAY BE SCHEDULED EITHER AFTER-NOON AND EVENING, OR ONE EARLY EVENING, ONE LATE EVENING. ANY CHANGE IN ABOVE CONCERT SCHEDULE MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY DEPT SINCE TOTAL CONCERTS IN EAST AFRICA CANNOT EXCEED NINE.

5. ALL PROPOSED OFFSTAGE ACTIVITIES MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE. LIVE TELECASTS AND RADIO BROADCASTS OF ELLINGTON CONCERTS ARE NOT RPT NOT PERMITTED UNLESS LOCAL SPONSOR WILLING PAY ADDITIONAL HIGH FEE UNDER ELLINGTON CONTRACT WITH UNION. THEREFORE DEPT DISCOURAGES POSTS' INVESTIGATING RADIO AND TV BROADCASTS OF CONCERTS.

6. ELLINGTON EUROPEAN VISIT IS PART OF TOUR BY SEVERAL MAJOR JAZZ ENSEMBLES FROM NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL, ANOTHER UNIT OF WHICH (B. B. KING) WILL TOUR WEST AFRICA FOR ONE WEEK SIMULTANEOUS TO ELLINGTON' S EAST AFRICAN VISIT.

7. NO MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT OF ABOVE SHOULD BE MADE IN FIELD AT THIS TIME. DEPT PLANNING ANNOUNCEMENT AT LATER DATE.

8. SINCE KENYATTA, HAILE SELASSIE AND ELLINGTON ARE OF NEAR SAME GENERATION, POSTS MAY WISH CONSIDER PERSONAL PERFORMANCES OF ORCHESTRA FOR TWO LEADERS AS PART OF TOTAL CONCERT SCHEDULE ALLOWED IN EACH COUNTRY.

9. ADVISE ACCEPTANCE. RUSH

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